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Roland E. Stoechner was born in 20-FEB 1925. Roland's parents were Edward (1902-1970) and Emma Wilhemina Stiegemeier Stoechner (1902-1976) of St. Charles Missouri. Roland had four brothers Irvin, Bob, Jim, and Roy and one sister, Joyce. The family lived in St. Charles Missouri.

Roland attended St. Charles High School for three years before enlisting 12-JUL 1943 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)  
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 15th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1941.)

SERIAL NUMBER: W-174  
1. NAME (PRINT): Roland Edward Stoechner  
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (PRINT): 1507 West Randolph, St. Charles, St. Charles Co., Mo.  
3. PLACE OF BIRTH (PRINT): St. Charles, Mo.  
4. TELEPHONE: Same  
5. DATE OF BIRTH: February 20, 1925  
6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: Mr. Edward Stoechner, 1507 W. Randolph, St. Charles, Mo. (Father)  
7. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Attending St. Charles High School



On 25-JAN 1945, Private Roland E. Stoechner was reported missing in action by the Warrenton Banner. It was later discovered he was captured on the first day of the Battle of the Ardennes (Bulge) in Germany 16-DEC 1944. The St. Louis Post Dispatch would report Roland was liberated on 25-JUN 1945.

Roland Edward Stoechner had served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. Roland attained the rank of Private First Class.

When Roland returned home, he went to work as a machinist at McDonnell Douglas for 41 years before he retired.

It is likely Roland Stoechner earned the following medals and commendations:

- Bronze Star
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
- World War II Victory Medal
- Prisoner of War Medal
- Good Conduct Medal

Roland married Lucille "Lu" Gertrude Wilke in 1947. They had of four daughters: LuAnn, Carol, Beth, and Kim and one son: Randall. They would be together for 63 years. Roland Edward Stoeber died on 11-MAR 2010 and is buried at Charles Memorial Gardens along with his wife Lucille (1925-2019).